



State Senator

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## Legislative Update

**BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE**  
**A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District**

**Garcia's**

### BILL OF THE WEEK!

#### **SB 101: Cancer presumption for firefighters**

On Wednesday, Sen. Garcia introduced a bill that presumes occupational health risks for firefighters. Because firefighters are exposed to numerous carcinogens while on the job, SB 101 would allow them to claim specific types of cancer in their workers' compensation claims. Senate Bill 101 does site circumstances in which firefighters would not be eligible for compensation including personal smoking history or pre-existing conditions.



#### **Numerous bills were introduced this week!**

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org) and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at [senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov).

### **YOUR WEEK AHEAD - - A preview of next week's committee hearings:**

1. **Senate Senior Citizens and Veteran's Affairs**  
Wednesday, February 2 at 1 p.m. in room 100 of the Farnum Building  
Special presentation by Sharon Gire, Director of the Office of Services to the Aging
2. **Senate Appropriations-Higher Education**  
Tuesday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Appropriation Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Capitol  
Confirmation hearing for gubernatorial appointees to the governing boards of Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University

**This weekend, be sure to check out Brighton's "On the Rocks Ice Festival" and the 4th Annual Shiawassee County Firefighters Association Awards Banquet.**